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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

December 16, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

31 December 16, 2014

  
PATRICK OZAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action will adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board pursuant to Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, which provides for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board that provide for abatement of public nuisances at the following locations:

4937 Escalon Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90043  
1175 East 59th Place, Los Angeles, California 90001

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures. Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board to hear appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal

Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance. This action will also maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no increase in net County cost or negative fiscal impact. Costs of the abatement work are billed to the property owner(s). Failure to pay the bill will cause a special assessment to be placed on the tax bill and a Notice of Abatement Lien will be recorded against the property with the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Building Code provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner(s) be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance(s) by the County. However, the Board adopted modified procedures that delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to the Board.

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of the substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

The Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before the Board.

ADDRESS: 4937 Escalon Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90043

Finding and Order: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: that by December 19, 2014, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, miscellaneous personal items, and all overgrown vegetation and maintained cleared thereafter.

#### **List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation and weeds constituting an unsightly appearance.
3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.

4. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.

ADDRESS: 1175 East 59th Place, Los Angeles, California 90001

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by December 19, 2014, permits be obtained and the structure be repaired to code, rebuilt to code, or demolished, and (b) that the structure be maintained secured to prevent unauthorized entry. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

#### List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building is open and accessible to juveniles and transients, dilapidated, apparently abandoned, fire damaged, and a health, fire, and safety hazard to the adjacent community. The building or structure must be secured or closed immediately so as to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access.\*
3. Portions of the interior and exterior walls are defective, deteriorated, inadequate, and lack a protective coating of paint.
4. Doors and windows are broken.
5. The electrical service and system are missing and inadequate.
6. Overgrown vegetation and weeds constituting an unsightly appearance.
7. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
8. Garbage cans and/or packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from the public street.

\*The following option was given to the owner

"If, in your opinion, the building or structure is sufficiently secured or closed, or for any other reason you cannot comply with Item Number 2 on this 'List of Defects,' you may request a hearing within ten days of receipt of this notice. If the required work is not performed within ten days after service of this notice and if a timely demand for a hearing is not made, the County may perform the work at the expense of the said owner."

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstructs the free use of neighboring properties so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office